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SUBJECT: ISRAELI RAIDS ON LEBANON

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CALLED LEBANESE AMB KABBANI JUNE 21 TO INFORM HIM ON THE SECRETARY'S BEHALF THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ISRAEL ABOUT ISRAELI RAIDS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO CALM THE SITUATION AND WE HOPE OUR EFFORTS WILL HAVE SOME EFFECT. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ATHERTON SAID WE APPRECIATED THE WAY IN WHICH LEBANON IS HANDLING THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY BY NOT RUSHING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME.

2. KABBANI THANKED ATHERTON FOR THE MESSAGE WHICH HE UNDERTOOK TO PASS TO BEIRUT. KABBANI SAID THAT THE OTHER SIDE IS MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR LEBANON AND THAT IF
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THE RAIDS CONTINUE LEBANON WILL FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT POSTURE. KABBANI SAID HE FELT
THE OTHER SIDE IN ITS ACTIONS HAS GONE WAY BEYOND
ANY REASONABLE REACTION TO RECENT EVENTS.

3. ATHERTON SAID HE HOPED OUR RECENT STATEMENTS HAD BEEN
HELPFUL AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT
WE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO SAY AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEF-
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